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SUBJECT: COUNCIL REVIEW OF OECD TECHNICAL COOPERATION (TECO)

PROGRAM

REF: C(73)56

1. WASHINGTON ATTENTION IS CALLED TO REF DOCUMENT WHICH CONTAINS SECGEN PROPOSAL ON FUTURE OF TECO PROGRAM. AS WASHINGTON AWARE, COUNCIL REVIEW OF TECO PROGRAM IN 1970 (SEE C(70)50) RESULTED IN APPROVAL OF THREE YEAR PLAN (1971-3) AND PROVISION THAT COUNCIL WOULD EVALUATE PROGRAM IN 1973. IN SUM, SECGEN PROPOSAL IS THAT PROGRAM WILL BE PHASED DOWN OVER NEXT THREE YEAR PERIOD (1974-76) AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES WILL SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROGRAM. BY 1976 ALL RECIPIENTS EXCEPT TURKEY WILL CONTRIBUTE 90-0/0 OF COSTS OF TECO ACTIVITIES IN THEIR COUNTRIES. (AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION BY RECIPIENTS IN 1973 IS APPROXIMATELY 45-0/0.) TOTAL SIZE OF PROGRAM WILL ALSO BE REDUCED BY APPROXIMATELY 10-0/0 EACH YEAR WITH CORRESPONDING DECREASE IN COSTS FOR SECRETARIAT STAFF. COUNCIL WILL REVIEW PROGRAM IN EARLY 1976.

2. MISSION EXPECTS SOME RECIPIENT COUNTRIES WILLBE UNHAPPY THAT PROPOSAL CALLS FOR RATHER DRAMATIC INCREASES IN THEIR PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTIONS. US POSITION AND THAT OF SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS HAS BEEN THAT OECD FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO

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PROGRAM SHOULD TERMINATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEREFORE,
SECGEN PROPOSAL SOMEWHAT OF COMPROMISE BETWEEN RECIPIENTS,
WHO HAVE OFTEN SPOKEN OUT LOUDLY IN FAVOR OF PROGRAM, AND VIEW
LED BY US. PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, HAS STRONG TILT TOWARDS US
VIEW SINCE BY 1976 THERE WOULD BE VIRTUAL ELIMINATION OF
OECD FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION. SECRETARIAT STAFF HAS POINTED
OUT IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MISSION THAT IT ESSENTIAL
FOR OECD TO MAINTAIN SMALL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION IN ORDER FOR
SECRETARIAT TO EXERCISE ANY INFLUENCE AT ALL ON ACTIVITIES.
MISSION AGREES WITH THIS VIEW AND THEREFORE RECOMMENDS US SUPPORT
SECGEN PROPOSAL. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO
SUPPORT SECGEN PROPOSAL IN C(73)56. BROWN

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